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June 9th, 1915

T.F. Wentz, Esq.

Provo.

Dear Sir:-

Our copy of the letter to the Water Companies was duly received by the West Union Canal company. The matter was presented to the board of directors at a regularly called meeting and discussed, and in reply thereto I am directed to say that the Company does not desire to join in the measurements and experiments proposed in your letter. We prefer to rely on the decrees that the court has granted and our agreement with the Provo Reservoir people which, if lived up to by all the parties, will be satisfactory to us. We do not see that there are any prospects of our obtaining more water than we have had if we join in these experiments and we do not desire to loose any rights that we already have. For these reasons and others not mentioned, we prefer not to join in the project you name.

Yours truly,

*J. E. Booth*  
President West  
Union Canal Co.

Provo, Utah, June 2, 1915.

Mr. T. F. Wentz, Water Com.,  
Provo River,  
Provo, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Provo Reservoir Company under date of May 26, 1915, asking for our desires and views on the matter of your office directing series of tests to determine the water requirements of soils under the respective canals, diverting water from the Provo River in Utah County by means of actual observations of irrigations, supplemented by the necessary soil moisture determinations, has been received.

In reply to your inquiry we have to advise you that in our judgment, such information as you have suggested must be had to furnish a basis of settlement and limitation of the rights to the use of the waters of Provo River; and further, that the data should be supplied by actual experiments. If this information were to be furnished by each or several of the litigants independently, there would of necessity, under the same out lay of total effort and total expense, be many more duplications than if the work were undertaken by your office. And further, were these independent sets of data not harmonious, there probably would be very strong disposition for each litigant to discredit the unfavorable and over credit the favorable elements to fit best the contentions of such litigants.

In view of these generalizations which we believe are just and ought to be reasonably anticipated, we strongly favor that the data of water duty for this system be collected under the supervision of your office and by qualified assistants operating under your direction and control. Whatever should be the necessary expense attached to this investigation, we would gladly bear our proportionate share thereof.

Following your direction, we are sending this letter in duplicate.

Yours truly,

*Joseph R. Murdock.*  
PRESIDENT.

Provo, Utah, June 4, 1915.

Mr. T. F. Wentz,  
Provo Utah.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Timpanogos Canal Company, was received and contents noted by the board of Directors and myself. Will say that we are a unit in objecting to any extra expense to our company, as these experts are of unusual high expense, and of very little value to us. All we ask is that we get enough water to water our farms. We do not wish any to waste.

When you were appointed commissioner it was with the understanding by the companies, yourself and the court, that you were to keep down the expenses and not make it a burden on the water users of Provo River. As it is we consider it is an outrage that we have been to as much expense as we have. It looks as ~~if~~ the Attorneys, Engineers and Court expenses will not only take our crops but our water and farms with it. It appears to us as to the engineers report, they were for the purpose of helping the Provo Reservoir and not the water users of Provo River.

As to a decree of Court we think a final decree should be rendered at once and not drag on for years, for when it does it is sapping the lifes blood out of the farmers. We do not object to reasonable expenses but last year it took over \$1200 to run our canal and we feel that it will have to be cut down.

We do not blame you for all of the expenses, I remain,

Yours respectfully

*David H Jones President of the  
Timpanogos Canal Co*



Provo, Utah, June 18, 1915.

In reply to my letter of May 26, 1915, addressed to the several companies in the Utah Valley, I have recieved reply from the Provo Reservoir Company, The West Union Canal Company, and The Timpanogus Canal Company, which are attached hereto, I may or may not, write the Timpanogus Canal company and give a more complete outline of the intent of suggestions-- I am sure they do not realize the importance of this matter.

J. F. Wertz